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TAGS: PFOR, AO, US
SUBJECT: CONGEN OFFICE SPACE IN LUANDA; FSL JULIO CORREA

REF: (A) ROME 20083, (B) STATE 297811, (C) STATE 297674

1. MFA REQUESTED AMB. VECCHI (REF. A) TO MAKE NECESSARY DEMARCHE TO ANGOLAN FOREIGN MINISTER OR DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTRY. VECCHI IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN AWARE OF OUR PROBLEM, VIA JULIO CORREA, EVEN PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF HIS INSTRUCTIONS. MFA AWAITING VECCHI'S REPORT ON OUTCOME OF CONVERSATIONS WITH GAO, AND WILL INFORM US ASAP.

2. VECCHI REPORTED TO MFA BY PHONE THAT CORREA NEEDS SOME SORT OF "DECLARATION" FOR USE WITH ANGOLAN AUTHROITIES TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. APPARENTLY A WRITTEN EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE FOR DEPARTUE IS REQUERED BY GOA FOR ALL PORTUGUESE APPLYING FOR EXIT PERMITS. VECCHI WAS WILLING TO SIGN AN APPROPRIATE DECLARATION FOR CORREA BUT HAD REQUESTED MFA ADVICE BEFORE DOING SO. AFTER DISCUSSION OF PRO'S AND CON'S BETWEEN MFA'S RACHELE AND EMBOFF, WE DECIDED TO LEAVE TO VECCHI'S DISCRETION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT CORREA'S UNIQUE STATUS, WHETHER VECCHI WOULD ISSUE DECLARATION OR WHETHER CORREA WHOULD ATTEMPT TO USE BRYANT MESSAGE TO HIM (REF. C).

3. COMMENT: RACHELE TOOK IT AS A GOOD SIGN THAT
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APPARENT GOA REASON FOR PROPOSED OUSTER FROM OUR OFFICE

SPACE IS BASED ON "ADMINISTRATIVE" RATHER THAN POLITICAL
REASONS (COPENHAGEN'S 4644). HE FELT THAT THAT AUGURS
WELL FOR A COMPROMISE SOLUTION AND DOES NOT NECESSARILY
MEAN A SOURING OF THE POLITICAL ATTITUDE TOWARD THE US.
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